

ILLINOIS SELF-INSURERS ADVISORY BOARD  
ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 8, 2011  
Chicago, IL 10:30 a.m.

Board Attendees: Chairman Mitch Weisz, Curtis Beam, Gerald Cooper, David Taylor

Staff Attendees: Jean Cannon, Wendy Davidson, Kevin Leach, Ron Rascia, Maria Sarli-Dehlin, Lynette Thompson-Smith

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. A previously prepared and posted agenda was distributed, a copy of which is attached.

I. Minutes

Upon motion by Gerald Cooper, seconded by David Taylor, the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 10, 2011, were unanimously approved as presented.

II. Chairman's Report

Chairman Weisz reported significant workers' compensation reform legislation was passed that will benefit business in the state. Chairman Weisz summarized some of the changes as follows: on 9/1/2011 the medical fee schedule will reduce by 30%; on 1/1/2012 current geo zips will change to zones; out-of-state services will be paid at the lesser rate of that state's medical fee schedule or schedule in effect for employee's residence; utilization review reports will be required; arbitrators will be restructured; three arbitrators per hearing site will be required.

Chairman Weisz also reported three new administrators had joined the Commission: a legal counsel, an internal auditor, and a Fraud Prevention and Efficiency Controller.

III. Manager's Report

A. Security Fund Forecast

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented to the Board the security fund forecast as of 3/31/2011.

Discussion ensued regarding the \$10,000,000 borrowed by the State's General Revenue Fund. After discussion, it was decided that Ron Rascia, legal counsel, will send a letter requesting the return of the money to the Security Fund.

The Board chose to wait for the outcome of the request for the return of the \$10,000,000 and to review the 6/30/2011 security fund forecast prior to deciding on issuing an assessment.

B. FY2012 Budgets

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented to the Board the FY2012 Security and Administration Funds budgets.

Maria Sarli-Dehlin had previously discussed in detail the FY2012 proposed budgets with the Chairman, Commission's Fiscal Officer, and Budget Committee members Alex Alexandrou and David Taylor. In order to avoid a negative balance in the Administration Fund, it was determined that Maria Sarli-Dehlin's salary and related expenses will be paid by the Commission's Operations Fund. Further, due to Lynette Thompson-Smith's additional responsibilities on behalf of the Commission, half of her salary and related expenses will be paid by the Commission's Operations Fund.

After discussion, and upon motion by Gerald Cooper, seconded by David Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY2012 budgets as presented.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. No Security Reduction Guidelines

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented to the Board an updated list of situations in which a security reduction is not allowed including a large drop in points scored as determined by the formulas in the IWCC Rules.

After discussion, upon motion by Gerald Cooper, seconded by Curtis Beam, the Board agreed to approve the guidelines as recommended.

Thereafter, the Chairman moved to go into closed session to discuss litigation/attorney's report pursuant to 2(c) 11 of the Open Meetings Act.

After closed session, the Board reconvened in open session. There being no further business, upon motion by David Taylor, seconded by Gerald Cooper, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

The next meeting of the ISIAB is scheduled for September 14, 2011 at 10:30 am.